

MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2019

A regular meeting of the Fairmont Area Schools Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Members in attendance were Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Dan Brookens, Julie Laue, and Mari Myren. Absent: Mike Edman.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green, and carried to unanimously approve the April 9 and May 7, 2019 school board meeting minutes.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Dan Brookens and carried to unanimously approve the May 14, 2019 school board meeting agenda.

Superintendent Brown and Board President Rufus Rodriguez honored and thanked three staff members who have served the District for 25 years: Lois Harbo, Derek Spear, and Melinda Stewart.

Superintendent Brown and Board President Rufus Rodriguez offered congratulations and thanks to 14 teachers who will earn tenure at the end of this school year: Jamie Bartz, Camille Driscoll, Jeanne Garbers, Leah Jorgenson, Heather Klitzke, Jonas Nissen, Ashley Olson, Kathleen Perry, Linette Sundblad, Claire Theobald, Andrew Walden, Erik Walker, Krysten Walters, Sara Warmka.

Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Brown shared a letter from Brad Wells, gun safety instructor, thanking the District for allowing use of its facilities to provide gun safety classes to 37 youth.
- Mr. Brown reported that student enrollment is up 11 students from the start of the school year. For the past several years, ending enrollment has been down by as many as 50 students, so this was a very positive report.
- Mr. Brown informed board members that Fairmont's proposal to fund vocational classes that are held outside of the regular school day is among the bills being considered during this legislative session. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn on May 20.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Mari Myren and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept a \$309.90 donation from Arby's fundraiser to be used for the high school Cardinal Fund.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept a \$548.80 donation from General Mills' Box Top for Education Program in support of PETT.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Nicole Green and adopted on a unanimous roll call vote to accept the donation from Joy Rachuy of 150 new books for the elementary library, a value of \$2,032.

Business manager, Chris Muhvich, provided a financial report, including a revenue / expenditure update and review of wire transfers and bill payments.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve the April, 2019 single checks, wire transfers for 4/19/19 – 5/9/19 and payment of the May 14, 2019 bills.

A motion was offered by Mari Myren, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve May 29, 2019 as the last day of school for senior students who have assignments completed, fines paid, and detention time made up.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Nicole Green and carried to unanimously approve a medical leave for Callie Wille, effective on or about September 3, 2019 and extending through November 22, 2019 or per medical recommendation.

A resolution was introduced by Dan Brookens, seconded by Julie Laue and adopted to terminate and not renew the teaching contract of probationary teacher Josh Smith, effective at the close of the 2018-2019 school year. Aye votes: Rufus Rodriguez, Nicole Green, Julie Laue, Mari Myren. Dan Brookens abstained.

A motion was offered by Julie Laue, seconded by Mari Myren and carried to unanimously approve the employment of Zachary Vicenti as summer computer help for 30 hours/week, effective May 13, 2019 at a salary of \$15/hour.

Julie Laue reported on the special school board meeting held on May 7 and Superintendent Brown reported on the SDCC meeting held on May 13.

Dan Brookens, Clerk